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### **LPGA to change dates of tournament in Mobile**

**Bell Micro Classic won't be played as scheduled in October, but will shift to April on next season's slate**

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The second Bell Micro LPGA Classic, which was scheduled to be played Oct. 8-11 at the Crossings Course at Magnolia Grove, has been rescheduled, the Press-Register has learned.

The tournament, a full-field event on the LPGA Tour, is moving to a date in April 2010, likely the latter part of the month, a person familiar with the change told the Press-Register.

An announcement of the schedule change is expected to be released this morning by the LPGA Tour office.

The Mobile tournament now will be played in what will be the early stages of the 2010 LPGA Tour season.

The tournament had been scheduled as a back-to-back event with the Navistar LPGA Classic at Prattville's Senator Course at Capitol Hill Golf Course. Both Magnolia Grove and Capitol Hill are part of the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail. The Navistar LPGA Classic in Prattville will maintain its Oct. 1-4 date on this season's schedule.

Last season was the first year of the Bell Micro tournament in Mobile. Angela Stanford won the event with a four-day score of 11-under par, one shot ahead of Shanshan Feng. Stanford received a \$210,000 first-place check.

The Bell Micro took the place of the former Mitchell Company LPGA Tournament Champions, which was a select-field event open only to players who had won an LPGA tournament over the previous three seasons.

The TOC began in 1994 at the Grand Cypress Resort in Orlando, Fla., where it remained for three years before heading to the Westin Hills Country Club in Florida for one year.

From there, the tournament moved to Grand National, the RTJ Golf Trail stop in Opelika for a year before finding its way to Mobile in 1999, where it remained for nine years until it was dissolved by the LPGA Tour following the 2007 tournament won by Paula Creamer.

After losing the TOC, Mobile stayed on the LPGA schedule with last year's Bell Micro LPGA Classic, which was played Sept. 11-14, the week before the second Navistar tournament in Prattville.

Last year's Bell Micro tournament, which featured a \$1.4 million purse, featured a 132-player field that included players such as Creamer, two-time TOC winner and LPGA Hall of Famer Se Ri Pak, Susann Pettersen, Christie Kerr and Anna Rawson.

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